GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6241
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2005
THRIFT FUND SCHEME FOR WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a thrift fund scheme has been launched for the handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of weavers covered under this scheme till date, State-wise;

(d) the total funds disbursed out of the funds targetted to be disbursed by the Government under the said scheme, State-wise;

(e) whether the funds provided to the States under the said scheme have been fully utilised;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes Sir, the Thrift Fund Scheme has been launched for the handloom weavers by the Government of India during the year 1985-86.

(b) The Scheme envisaged creation of a fund in the nature of a provident fund to meet medical expenses of the subscriber or of his/her family members; expenses in connection with marriage, confinement, funeral or religious ceremonies which are incumbent upon the subscriber to perform; expenses in connection with the purchase of a house site, construction or purchase of a house, or additions, alternations or repairs to his/her house; expenses in connection with his/her children`s education including tuition fees/admission fees/Hostel fees for School/College and also temporary advance for marriage of their children. Under the existing funding pattern weaver is to contribute at the rate of 8% of the annual wages earned by him and 4% each is being contributed by the Central and State Government.

(c) to (g)Since inception of the scheme in the year 1985-86 till 2004-05, 3716757 weavers have been covered under the Thrift Fund Scheme and an amount of Rs.4623.65 lakh have been disbursed to various State Governments. Statement showing State-wise number of weavers covered under the scheme and the funds disbursed is annexed.

Annexure to in reply to part (c) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6241 for answer on 06.05.2005 raised by Prof. Mahedeorao Shiwankar; Shri Narendra Kumar Kushawaha; Shri Munshi Ram and Shri Mohd. Shahid, Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

Statement showing number of Weavers covered and the funds released under Thrift Fund Scheme during the year 1985-86 to 2004-05

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)	Weavers Covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	673.54	494458
2.	Assam	3.71	3435
3.	Bihar	53.00	56742
4.	Delhi	6.73	6531

5. Gujarat 36.42 16461
6. Himachal Pradesh 0.54 150

7 J&K 1.69 1314

8. Karnataka 210.04 133416

9. Kerala 63.62 23725
10. Madhya Pradesh 55.28 43179
11. Maharashtra 90.24 177674
12. Manipur 2.65 2650
13. Orissa 233.98 213596
14. Rajasthan 7.57 6438
15. Tamil Nadu 2993.24 2278710
16. Tripura 0.90 386
17. Uttar Pradesh 78.00 96334
18. West Bengal 112.50 161558
Total:- 4623.65 3716757